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360 Plan Salute To Eisenhower At Stag Dinner

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HERSHEY, Pa. Oct. 11. — More than 360 of the Nation's top leaders in the fields of industry, business, Government, politics, publishing, professional and the military, will gather for a stag dinner Saturday to pay tribute to former President Dwight D. Eisenhower on the eve of his 73d birthday.

The guest list, including many of the most prominent names in the United States, is limited to those who attended stag dinners held by the former President during his eight years in the White House.

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Among those scheduled to attend the affair are 18 Pennsylvanians, a number of Cabinet aides in the two Eisenhower Administrations, members of the General's immediate family, and two former Republican Presidential nominees — former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the 1960 standard-bearer and former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, who headed the GOP national ticket in 1948.

However, none of the leading contenders for the 1964 Republican Presidential nomination — Gov. William W. Scranton, of Pennsylvania; Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, of New York; Gov. George W. Romney, of Michigan, nor U. S. Sens. Thruston Morton, of Kentucky, and Barry Goldwater, of Arizona, will be on hand.

SCRANTON VISITS SONS

Scranton had planned to attend the dinner, but cancelled so he could pay a weekend visit with his two sons attending a Connecticut school.

Nixon's name has been projected into the spotlight again as a possible compromise GOP Presidential choice, in the event of a convention. Nixon has said he is not interested in becoming a candidate.

While the dinner honoring the former President, who will be 73 on Monday, is expected to be purely social, the gathering of the top men in the Nation is regarded significant, since a number of hotel room conferences to discuss next year's Presidential situation may develop.

ARRIVE BY AIR

The guests honoring Gen. Eisenhower will come from most of the 50 States in the Union, and will arrive here by plane, train and cars.

Arrangements have been made at the Harrisburg and Hershey airports to accommodate 20 private planes bringing guests to the affair.

Those attending the dinner will be housed in three hotels, including full occupancy of the Hotel Hershey and its cottages, the Cocoa Inn in Hershey, and the Penn Harris in Harrisburg.

The dinner itself will be held at the luxurious Hotel Hershey and will get underway at 8:15 P. M., following a cocktail party.

Only two speeches have been scheduled — one by Milton S. Eisenhower, head of Johns Hopkins University and brother of the former President, and the General, himself. Milton Eisenhower will present an appropriate gift to his brother.

Ten members of the Eisenhower Cabinet will grace the head table, along with the General, Nixon and other key figures.

The cabinet members include former Attorneys General Herbert Brownell and William P. Rogers; Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks; Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield; Robert P. Anderson and George M. Humphrey, Treasury Secretaries; Secretary of State Christian A. Herter; Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton; Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell and Defense Secretary Neil McElroy.

PENNA. LEADERS

Pennsylvanians who plan to attend the dinner include Attorney General Walter E. Alesandro, Walter H. Annenberg, Editor and Publisher of The Philadelphia Inquirer, W. Atlee Burpee, Jr., Samuel H. Daroff, Roger Firestone, Ben Hibbs, Frank C. Hilton, Samuel F. Hinkle, former Republican Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchinson, Dr. Robert L. Johnson, former

Chancellor of Temple University; Raymond Pitcairn, Dr. I. S. Ravdin, Roger W. Rowland, Edwin F. Russell, Henry M. Scharf and Roy Wilkinson, Jr. In addition to Milton Eisenhower, other members of the General's family scheduled to attend the affair, include his son, John, and another brother, Earl.

Also on the guest list are Allen W. Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, Gen. Lucius D. Clay, George E. Allen, confidante and neighbor of the General in Adams county; Ray Bliss, Republican State Chairman of Ohio, James C. Hagerty, former Presidential Press Secretary in the Eisenhower Administration; Bernard F. Gimbel, Laurance S. Rockefeller, David Sarnoff and former Gene Tunney.

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